

CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

The following excerpt from the DHMH Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.06.04.03 applies to schools:

"A school principal or other person in charge of a school, public or private, may not knowingly admit a student to, or retain a student in a: 1) preschool program unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against *Haemophilus influenzae* type b 2) preschool program or kindergarten through the second grade of school unless the student has furnished proof of age-appropriate immunity against pertussis; and 3) preschool program through the twelfth grade unless the student has furnished evidence of age-appropriate immunity against tetanus, diphtheria, poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella."

Please refer to the "Minimum Vaccine Requirements for Children Enrolled in Pre-school Programs and in Schools" to determine age-appropriate immunity for preschool through grade 12 enrollees. The minimum vaccine requirements and DHMH COMAR 10.06.04.03 are available at www.edcp.org (click "Immunization").

The requirement for hepatitis B and varicella vaccine is a "progressive" regulation in which each new school year another successive grade becomes covered by the regulation (e.g., kindergarten in 2001, 1st grade in 2002, etc.).

Age-appropriate immunization requirements for licensed child care centers and family day care homes are based on the "Maryland DHMH Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule". Please refer to Department of Human Resources COMAR 07.04.02.44 and COMAR 07.04.01.29 for day care regulations. DHR COMAR regulations and the "Maryland DHMH Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule" are available at www.edcp.org (click "Immunization").

HOW TO USE THIS FORM

The medical provider that gave the vaccinations may record the dates directly on this form (check marks are not acceptable) and certify them by signing or stamping the signature section. A different medical provider, a local health department official, a school official, or a day care provider may transcribe onto this form and certify vaccination dates from any other record which has the authentication of a medical provider, health department, school, or day care service.

Notes:

1. When immunization records have been lost or destroyed, vaccination dates may be reconstructed for all vaccines except **measles, mumps, or rubella**.

Reconstructed dates for all vaccines must be reviewed and approved by the local health department.

Blood test results are NOT acceptable evidence of DTP/DTaP/DT/Td immunity.

Blood test verification of immunity is acceptable in lieu of polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella vaccination dates, but **revaccination may be more expedient**.

2. History of disease is NOT acceptable in lieu of any of the required immunizations, except varicella.